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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael A. Todd

Appl. No. : 10/074,564

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the Office Action of March 10, 2004. Claims 1-50 and 55-80 are currently pending in this application. Claims 47-50 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Office requires Applicant to elect one of the following species:

Species I: First embodiment drawn to method for depositing silicon containing amorphous film.

Species II: Second embodiment drawn to method for depositing silicon containing epitaxial film.

Species III: Third embodiment drawn to method for depositing silicon containing polycrystalline film.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Species I, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-2, 5-50 and 55-80 read on Species I.

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Applicant reserves the right to file divisional and/or continuation applications containing claims directed to all or part of the subject matter of any claims amended, withdrawn, or canceled at any time during the prosecution of this application, and thus unclaimed subject matter is not dedicated to the public.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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